THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The World Bank had never ceased to finance the power sector in India.

(b) and (c). A proposal of the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) for a line of credit of US $ 265 million is pending with the world Bank. world Bank's officials' discussions with the PFC related primarily to this proposal.

Use of Solar Energy for Small Refrigerations

3989. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned ' Gene bank of medicinal herbs' appearing in the Times of India, Bombay edition dated September 21,1991; and

(b) if so, the details in regard to the use of solar energy for sail refrigerators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRYOF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are two routes for use of solar energy for small refrigerators - Solar Photovoltaic and solar thermal. In solar Photovoltaic powered refrigerators direct current electricity is generated with the help of photovoltaic cells which in turn is used to operate the compressor. In solar thermal refrigerators heat energy from the sun is used to energise the refrigeration systems.

Vacant Posts in Police Radio Department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

3990. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts in Police Radio department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and

(c) the steps taken to fill up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFIARS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of he House.

Equipping Police Personnel

3991. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have evaluated the weaponary and other equipments possessed by the various extremist outfits and militant group together with the source of supply; and

(b) the steps the Government have taken to equip the police personnel to much the combat power of extremist and militant groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLARLIA MENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Position regarding the weaponry available with the various extremist outfits and militant groups is assessed and monitored on a continuous basis by the Central Government in consultation with the State government agencies concerned.